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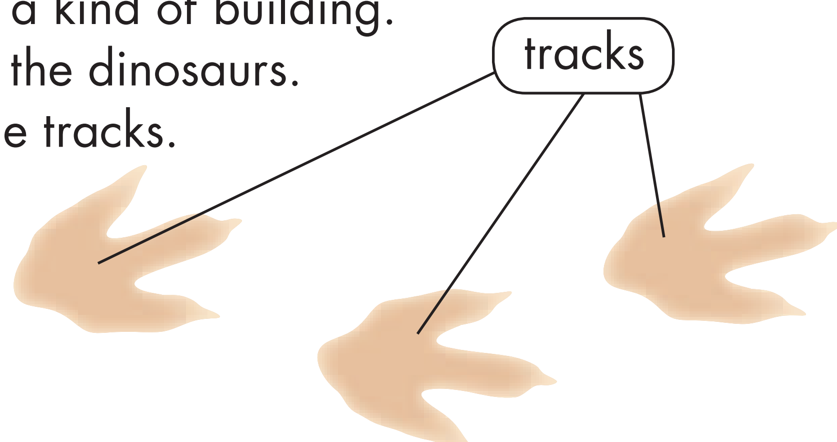


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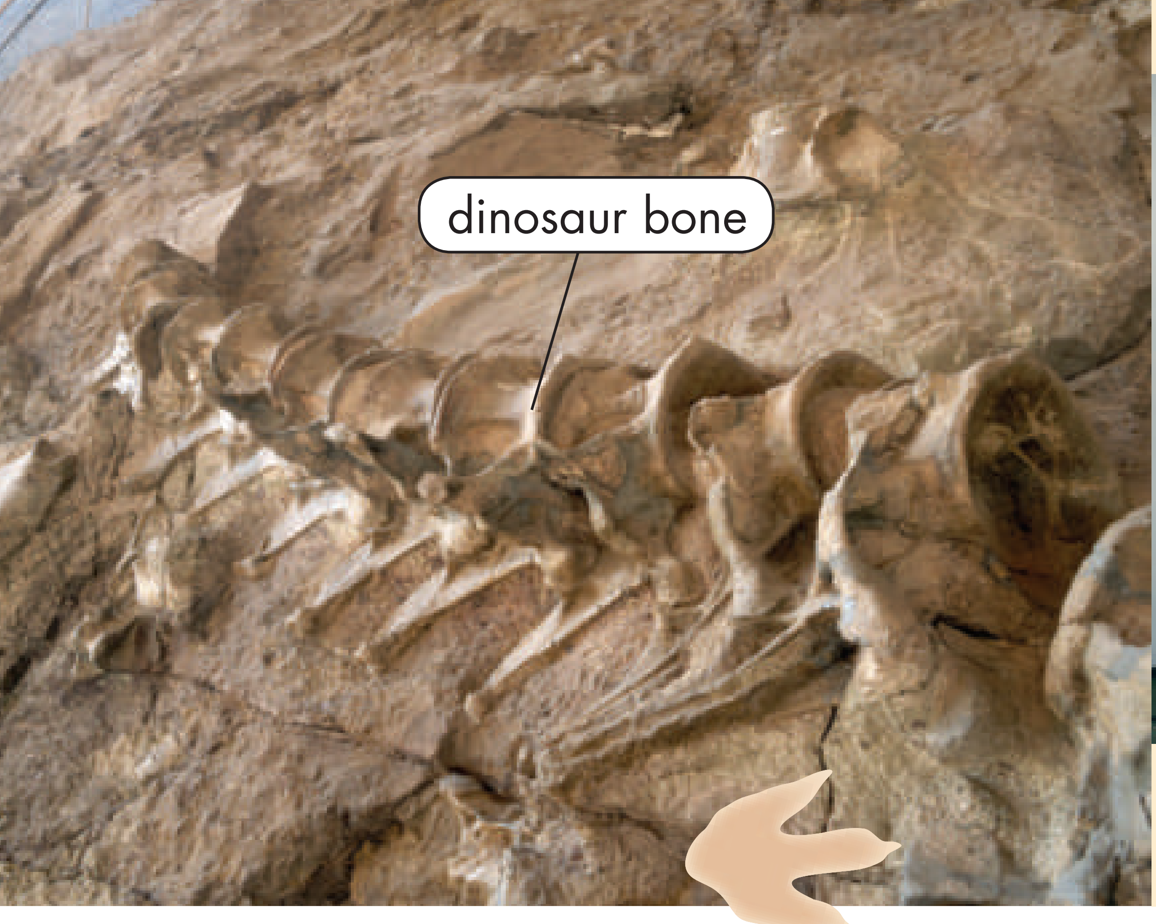


Today we are at the museum.
A museum is a kind of building.
We will visit the dinosaurs.
Just follow the tracks.





This dinosaur is very big. It is not real.
Real dinosaurs lived a long time ago.
The dinosaurs in the museum are robots.
Robots are machines.





No person ever saw a live dinosaur. But we have found dinosaur bones. Dinosaur bones are clues. Clues help us know things. The clues about dinosaurs help people build dinosaur robots that seem real.

The clues don't answer all our questions. Nobody knows what color dinosaurs were. Nobody knows what sounds they made.
Clues help scientists make a good guess.





Dinosaur robots have iron bones and plastic skin. Each dinosaur robot has a computer inside. The computer makes the animal move and roar.

The robots seem real. They roar and move. They open their mouths. Some of the robots smell like dinosaur breath! Dinosaur breath does not smell good.



Museum visitors do not mind dinosaur breath. They like to see the dinosaurs. Would you like to get close to a dinosaur?

Talk About It

1. Do you think the pictures help you learn about dinosaurs?
2. How do you think you would feel if you saw a giant dinosaur robot?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture of your favorite dinosaur. Write a sentence about it.

Extend Language

The word *roar* means to make a loud sound. Dinosaurs roar. So do lions. The wind roars in a different way. You can roar with laughter, too. Each roar is different, but each roar is loud.

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